

for Dr. Sampson and his house, they would serve the Lord.

In the 1970s, Dr. Sampson was ordained and installed on the same day as Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. Despite the arduous schedule, he worked, attended school, and pastored with his whole heart. While pastoring at New Calvary, he was invited to apply to serve as the interim headmaster at Covent Avenue Science Academy. He assumed the position and the Lord would continue to open doors for him, connecting him with various leaders who would recognize his gifting and invite him into more extensive church networks. Dr. Sampson served as the president of both the Shiloh Baptist Association Congress of New Jersey, as well as the Northern Baptist School of Religion of Newark. He was a guest instructor for the Eastern Baptist Association College Seminary Extension; a guest lecturer at Drew University School of Theology, and Executive Director of the Baptist Education Center of New York. In addition, he traveled with the NYC Religious Education Academic Foreign Studies Tours, traveling to WCC Geneva, Switzerland, Gregorian University, Rome and Hebrew University, and Israel.

After pastoring from 1970 to 1982 at New Calvary Baptist Church, he was called to Thessalonía Baptist Church and installed as the twelfth pastor in May, 1982. Dr. Sampson came with a vision that continues to grow even unto this day. His vision included major projects such as, the erection of the Cultural Community Center, which today is a multi-million-dollar communal faculty. Upon completion, the Center housed the following: South Bronx Leadership High School, the TIR Bookstore, church offices, a banquet hall, amphitheater, chapel, lower gallery with additional office space and over a dozen classrooms. Dr. Sampson was a strategic thinker who anticipated the future. In laying the plans for the building, he placed the elevator and handicap ramp at the intersection of the church and the new construction in order to provide access for seniors and disabled visitors. Dr. Sampson's strategic leadership led him to establish the Thessalonía Institute of Religion and the Thessalonía Academy, an elementary school designed to ground students in the Gospel and provide a rigorous academic curriculum. To date, the Academy has had over 50 graduates and more than 100 students, many of whom have gone on to attend prestigious boarding schools, colleges, and universities. Other endeavors include several renovations to the church building, food pantry, senior programs, adult education programs, feeding and clothing of the needy, Boy Scouts, youth ministry, annual church retreats, and the enhancement to the name: Thessalonía Worship Center.

In addition, writing was the hallmark of Dr. Sampson's life. Not only could he often be found feverishly inscribing notes in a

pocket notebook, but he always carried a pen and was ready to record the things that God was revealing to him. His discipline to write transferred to his roles in ministry. He was Editor-in-Chief for the National Baptist Christian Education Handbook and he wrote materials for church leadership, such as *Effective Techniques in Abuse Ministry: Handbook for youth education, Superior Leadership in Challenging Situations* as well as training guides for various aspects of the ministry. He authored several books and publications, including *Revelation Now: Viewing the Tragedies and Triumphs of Believers, Building Faith Now and Achievement*. His publications extended beyond local venues and were disseminated to international audiences. He incorporated his own publishing company, Dorkeo Inc and his texts were distributed through a variety of formats including print, digital, audio, and visual.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson. Educator, Spiritual Leader, and a true American Hero.

IN HONOR OF DAVID R. GREEN

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David R. Green for his outstanding and invaluable service to the community, his service to the United States of America, and congratulate him on his retirement.

David R. Green began his healthcare administration services career in 1974. During his 40-year career he served as chief executive officer at seven Southern California hospitals and was an administrator of five different skilled nursing facilities. Additionally, David R. Green served on a number of healthcare boards, including but not limited to, the California Hospital Association Board and CHA Rural Hospitals Board.

During David R. Green's tenure at the El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC), which began in 2003, officials completed construction of a two-story, 60-bed addition consisting of a state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit. He also expanded the emergency department, surgical suites and outpatient services with the acquisition of the Oncology/Hematology of Imperial Valley clinic and the Imperial Valley Wound Healing Center, and the hospital's laboratory underwent an extensive renovation.

David R. Green has exhibited dedication to ECRMC's patients and staff and commitment

to expanding and improving healthcare services in Imperial County the last eleven years. I applaud David R. Green for his distinguished service to California, the Imperial Valley community, California's 51st Congressional District, and the nation.

H.R. 4870, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise an issue for consideration as we move towards conference on this bill. When we considered the NDAA several weeks ago, an amendment that I submitted with Mr. ROONEY of Florida was adopted by voice vote to ensure that TRICARE beneficiaries with developmental disabilities have access to behavioral health treatment, specifically a therapy known as applied behavior analysis, or ABA.

The provision streamlines access to care by moving coverage of ABA under TRICARE Basic, removing caps on coverage, ensuring access to providers, and allowing all children with developmental disabilities access to these services.

However, because of the obscure way that a small class of TRICARE beneficiaries' benefits are funded, additional appropriations language is needed to make sure these children get the care they deserve.

I had planned to offer an amendment that would just clarify that retirees and their dependents of the Coast Guard, Commissioned Corps of NOAA, and Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service Corps can have these specific ABA treatments made available by the NDAA, funded out of the Defense Health Program.

By doing this, we would fulfill the legislative intent captured in section 704 of the NDAA which ensures access to ABA in TRICARE and states that we intend to ensure appropriate and equitable access to such treatment for all TRICARE beneficiaries.

While I will not offer the amendment at this time, I would appreciate the opportunity to work with Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member VISCOSKY as we go to conference to make sure that all TRICARE beneficiaries are able to access the care they need.